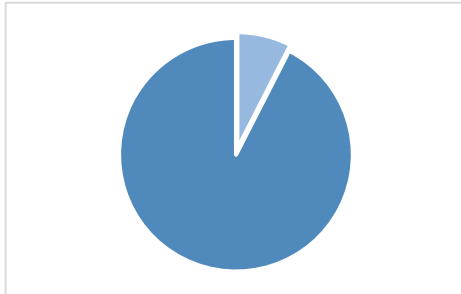


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## Missouri Student Survey 2022 - Marijuana Safety

**In December 2022, marijuana became legal for retail purchase in Missouri for adults over 21. Here's what you need to know to keep children safe.**



About 7.5% of Missouri youth in 6th-12<sup>th</sup> grade have used marijuana in the past 30 days. That's about one in 14 kids.



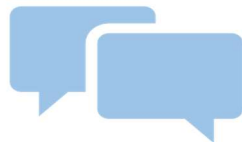
The adolescent brain does not develop until age 25. Marijuana can inhibit youth ability to learn and can cause memory problems.



One in three Missouri youth believe it is very easy or sort of easy to obtain marijuana. 27.2% of youth who use marijuana got marijuana from their family.



Store your marijuana in a place out of sight and reach from children. Keep cannabis products in child-resistant packaging when not in use. Lock / cash bags can be bought for under \$20.



### **Talk with your youth about marijuana:**

Show you care, share expectations and answer questions nonjudgmentally.

Warn young children that some products look a lot like candy so don't take anything without permission.



This is an informative media campaign to help adults talk to children of all ages about substance use.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/talk-they-hear-you>

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